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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 413  
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A RESOLUTION To bestow the heartiest commendations of the Tennessee General Assembly on Carrie Elizabeth Harris, the 2001 Campbell County High School Valedictorian.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is proud to reflect on the exemplary lives of our best and brightest students because their success bodes well for the future of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Elizabeth Harris is one such outstanding student; the much heralded 2001 Campbell County High School Valedictorian has compiled an excellent 4.0 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, Carrie was chosen "Most School Spirited" by her classmates; as President of both the Junior and Senior classes, a Student Council Representative and Reporter, she was honored by being listed in the prestigious *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; received ERCA's Community Contribution Scholarship, and the 2000 *Knoxville News-Sentinel* Student Citizen Award; and

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WHEREAS, She is a member of the Beta Club, the two-year Captain of the Dance team, a Student Trainer for the basketball, baseball and football teams, and is a leader in the local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, Carrie is a very active member of the Future Farmers of America and has served admirably as Chapter President, Vice-President, and Parliamentarian; as Norris District Vice-President and Secretary, she attended the East Tennessee Officer Training Workshop, the FFA Leadership Camp, the FFA State and National Conventions, the East Tennessee Awards Banquet, the 2000 Made For Excellence Conference, and served with distinction as a student teacher at Valley View Elementary School, teaching children the value of gardening; and

WHEREAS, She has also been an enthusiastic supporter of the 4-H program, being specially honored as the 2001 State Big Chief; the 2000 Smoky Mountain District Council Big Chief, the State Council Junior Representative, the County Reporter, the Sears-Backstreet Boys Youth Service America Grant winner, the National Gardening Grant winner, the Level II State Garden winner, the 1999 Smoky Mountain District Council Eagle Scout, and the Level I State Garden winner; and

WHEREAS, Carrie also aided 4-H activities as a valued member of the Tennessee Valley Fair Youth Board for four years; as a State 4-H Representative to Congress, as a National 4-H Congress Delegate, as an Honor Club, All-Star member, and as a participant in the Read Tennessee Program, the Cerebral Palsy Christmas Party fundraiser, the District Outdoor Cookery, and the 2001 National Western 4-H Youth Roundup Meats Judging Contest; and

WHEREAS, She is an outstanding representative of the "Volunteer Spirit," generously contributing her time and leadership to community improvement. A long list of charitable groups that she has aided are: Farm Day for Children At Risk, March of Dimes Walk America, Habitat For Humanity, Food Life Services, Second Harvest Food Bank, Plant A Row for The Hungry, Earth Day, House of Hope Domestic Violence Shelter and Children of the Cumberland Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Carrie was honored as a 2000 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards semifinalist and a 2001 Prudential Distinguished Finalist; and

WHEREAS, This talented dancer is a 7 ½ year member of the East Tennessee Dance Ensemble, is the highly regarded Captain of this group and has performed on the Cruise Boat Soverigen of the Seas, at the 1999 Sugar Bowl, at Universal Studios and Walt Disney World in 2000, at the 2001 Orange Bowl, with each performance receiving widespread acclaim; and

WHEREAS, Carrie is an active member of the Elm Grove Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, She is a member of the National Gardening Association, the Claiborne County Co-Op, the Farm Bureau, the Campbell County Historical Society, and the World Pumpkin Confederation; and

WHEREAS, Carrie's work experience has included being a part-time employee of the Harris Supply Company, where her employers have been lavish in their praise of her extraordinary competence, diligence and dedication; she has performed various jobs on the family farm, Black Hawk Farm; and

WHEREAS, She plans to attend the University of Tennessee School of Agriculture, major in Food Science and Technology, Ornamental Horticulture, Plant and Soil Science and Animal Science, and eventually become either an Agriculture teacher or Extension Agent; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause to honor and commend Carrie on her selection as the 2001 Campbell County High School Valedictorian; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Carrie Elizabeth Harris on her long list of accomplishments, including being the 2001 Campbell County High School Valedictorian. We extend our best wishes for a successful career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

